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SUBJECT: CSCE: CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES

GENEVA FOR CSCE DEL

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1. RECALLING REQUEST OF EXPERTS THAT POLADS DISCUSS SOVIET TERRITORY THAT MIGHT BE EXCLUDED FROM CBM'S (REFTEL), CHAIRMAN ASKED POLADS ON MAY 2 IF THERE WERE NEW VIEWS ON SUBJECT. DUTCH REP SAID HAGUE HAD STUDIED THREE POSSIBILITIES: SPECIFYING SOVIET TERRITORY TO BE EXCLUDED FROM OBLIGATION IN TERMS OF GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES, EITHER NATIONAL BOUNDARIES OR LANDMARKS SUCH AS RIVERS; SPECIFYING SOVIET MILITARY DISTRICTS; OR USING LINES OF LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE. HAGUE WAS NOW INCLINED TOWARD LAST POSSIBLIITY. THE SOVIETS MIGHT BE OBLIGATED TO ANNOUNCE ONLY THOSE ACTIVITIES IN EUROPEAN USSR SOUTH OF 50 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE OR WEST OF 40 DEGREES EAST LONGITUDE. CONFIDENTIAL

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ALTERNATIVELY, EXCEPTION COULD BE BASED ON 60 DEGREE NORTH AND 35 DEGREES EAST. DUTCH REP SAID SOVIETS IN GENEVA HAD REFUSED TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF USING LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE TO DELINATE EX-

CEPTIONS OF TERRITORY, BUT THIS DID NOT MEAN ALLIES SHOULD ABANDON
IDEA. HE ASKED FOR MILITARY COMMITTEE ASSESSMENT.

2. IN REACTION TO NEW DUTCH IDEA, UK REP INDICATED LONDON CONTINUES
TO FACOR EVENTUAL TERRITORIAL EXCLUSION IN TERMS OF IDSTANCE FROM
SOVIET BORDER, PREFERABLY 7,800 KMS BUT WITH POSSIBLE FALLBACK TO
500 KMS. NORWEGIAN REP SAID PRINCIPAL PREOCCUPATION IN OSLO IS TO
AVOIN ESTABLISHMENT OF BORDER STRIP WITHC IS NARROW AT FLANKS AND
ONLY WIDE IN THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN AREA.

3. MC REP SAID THAT EARLIER MC SUGGESTION (PARA 1B, REFTTEL), WAS
INTENDED TO INSURE THAT CBM'S COVER THOSE AREAS FROM WHICH BUILD-
UP AGAINST NATO COULD BE MOST THREATENING. DUTCH REP MAINTAINED THAT
HAGUE'S NEW PROPOSAL ACCOMPLISHED THIS AIM.

4. CHAIRMAN ASKED POLADS TO CHECK REACTIONS OF THEIR AUTHORITIES
TO NEW DUTCH IDEA, FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION ON MAY 7. ACTION REQUESTED:
ANY WASHINGTON VIEWS ON DUTCH APPROACH OF USING MERIDIANS FOR EXCLUSION

OF SOVIET TERRITORY IN EVENTUAL COMPROMISE WITH SOVIETS.
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